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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: KNOWLEDGABLE ZAIRIAN OFFICIAL DOUBTS THAT PROPOSED MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN LUSAKA WILL GET OFF GROUND. BLAMES NYERERE AND KAUNDA IN PART. SEES BEST HOPE IN CHIPENDA/HOLDEN FRONT. COMMENTS ON MOBUTU'S MEETING WITH SPINOLA. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB PAID COURTESY CALL ON MPANAMPANU BI-BANDA OCT 5 AND FOUND HIM EAGER TO DISCUSS ANGOLA. MPANAMPANU IS HEAD OF OFFICIAL ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY AND MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU. HE SERVED AS PRES MOBUTU'S "OBSERVER" AT RECENT MPLA CONGRESS IN LUSAKA AND IS FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE PLAYERS. HE FOUND LUSAKA MEETING GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. DIVISIONS AMONG MPLA LEADERS WERE UNBRIDGEABLE. CHIPENDA AND NETO NOW EACH BELIEVE THE OTHER WANTS TO LIQUIDATE HIM. DIFFICULTIES AGGRAVATED BY PULLING AND HAULING AMONG STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING UNITY OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA WERE PLAYING DIFFERENT ROLE IN PUBLIC THAN IN

PRIVATE. FOR EXAMPLE, ZAMBIA HAD SECRET DELEGATION IN LISBON DURING BUKAVU MEETING AT WHICH MOBUTU, NGOUABI, NYERERE AND KAUNDA WERE TRYING TO BRING FNLA AND MPLA TOGETHER. MOREOVER, NYERERE FAILED TO FOLLOW THROUGH (PRESUMABLY WITH PRESSURE ON NETO) AFTER THE "UNDERSTANDING" REACHED AT BUKAVU MEETING. ZAIRE, MPANUMPANU SAID, WAS ONLY COUNTRY PLAYING ITS CARDS OPENLY.

3. MPANUMPANU WAS CRITICAL OF NYERERE FOR PERSONALLY FORCING THROUGH SIGNATURE OF SO-CALLED RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT BY NETO, CHIPMENDA AND ANDRADE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BRAZZAVILLE SUMMIT. HE SAID MOBUTU HAD LEFT BRAZZAVILLE BEFORE THIS HAPPENED AND WAS NOT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH RESULTS. NEITHER, HE ADDED, WAS CHIPMENDA, WHO HAD MADE IT CLEAR WHEN HE REACHED KINSHASA SHORTLY AFTERWARD THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED UNDER DURESS AND WAS CONSEQUENTLY NO AGREEMENT. MPANUMPANU WAS OF OPINION THAT PROPOSED LUSAKA MEETING OF MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE POORLY ATTENDED AND IN ANY CASE WOULD FAIL.

4. AS EXAMPLE OF MOBUTU'S OPEN AND DECISIVE POLICY ON ANGOLA, MPANUMPANU CITED HIS POLITICALLY "RISKY" MEETING WITH SPINOLA. THE TWO PRESIDNETS HAD AGREED ON ONE FUNDAMENTAL POINT: THAT A "FREIMO" SOLUTION WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ANGOLA. THERE COULD NOT BE TURNOVER OF POWER TO ONE PARTY AND THERE SHOULD NOT BE SHARING OF MINISTRIES ALONG RACIAL LINES AS IN MOZAMBIQUE (3 WHITES AND 6 BLACKS). MOBUTU HAD URGED ON SPINOLA CONCEPT OF MULTIRACIAL PARTIES IN ANGOLA WHICH WHITES WHO WISHED TO BE ANGOLANS WOULD JOIN. HE HAD WARNED OF DANGERS OF CREATING OR FOSTERING RACIAL OR TRIBAL PARTIES. MOBUTU ALSO TOLD SPINOLA HE RECOGNIZED THAT PRESENCE OF 600,000 PORTUGUESE IN ANGOLA MADE ITS PROBLEMS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF ZAIRE.

5. IN TALK WITH SPINOLA, MOBUTU AGREED TO TRY TO FORM COMMON FRONT AMONG AFRICAN LIBERATION LEADERS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, MPANUMPANU SAID, IT IS APPARENT THAT NETO'S FACTION WILL NOT COOPERATE. HE ADDED THAT NETO'S SUPPORTERS BOTH IN AND OUT OF ANGOLA WERE BASICALLY INTELLECTUALS RATHER THAN FIGHTERS. HE THOUGHT THAT CHIPMENDA AND HOLDEN (WHOM HE MENTIONED IN THAT ORDER) HAD STRENGTH NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ZAIRE'S STRONG LEADERSHIP AND THOROUGH

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UNDERSTANDING OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM WOULD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BRING GOOD RESULTS.
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